

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES  
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

1. (Currently amended) A spring element, in particular a spring rail for wipers, made from a ferritic chromium steel, ~~consisting of~~ comprising, by weight percent,

0.03 to 0.12% of carbon

0.2 to 0.9% of silicon

0.3 to 1% of manganese

13 to 20% of chromium

less than 0.5% of nickel

0.1 to 2% of molybdenum

0.05 to 1.0% of copper

0.02 to 0.5% of nitrogen

less than 0.01% of titanium

0.01 to 0.10% of niobium

0.02 to 0.25% of vanadium, remainder iron.

2. (Currently amended) The spring element ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the steel contains, by weight percent, at most 0.1% of carbon, at most 1.5% of molybdenum, 0.1 to 0.5% of copper and at least 0.03% of nitrogen.

3. (Currently amended) The spring element ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, ~~characterized by comprising, by weight percent,~~ a carbon content of from 0.06 to 0.1%, a chromium content of from 15 to 18% and a molybdenum content of from 0.8 to 1.5%.
4. (Currently amended) The spring element ~~as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterized by comprising~~ a coercive force ~~of~~ ranging from 190 to 320 A/cm and a magnetic saturation ~~of~~ ranging from 1.45 to 1.75 T.
5. (Currently amended) The spring element ~~as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, ~~characterized by comprising~~ a thermosetting powder coating.
6. (Currently amended) The spring element ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 5, ~~characterized by comprising~~ a layer thickness ~~of~~ ranging from 0.05 to 0.15 mm.
7. (Currently amended) The spring element ~~as claimed in one of claims 1 to 6,~~ claim 1, ~~characterized by comprising~~ a damping performance which is adjustable by solution annealing for from 0.5 to 60 min at a temperature of 900 to 1100°C.

8. (Currently amended) The spring element ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 7, ~~characterized by~~ wherein the damping performance is adjustable by cold-forming with a degree of deformation of over 65%.
9. (Currently amended) The spring element ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 8, ~~characterized by~~ comprising a magnetic hardness which is adjustable by tempering after the cold-forming for ~~from~~ 0.1 to 1 min at a tempering temperature of 200 to 380°C.
10. (Currently amended) The spring element ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 9, ~~characterized by~~ comprising a coating of a hardening temperature which is in the region range of the tempering temperature.